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2. ☒ Specification
32 page(s) of specification; 12 page(s) of claims, 1 page(s) of abstract
3. ☒ Drawings
Formal Figure(s) 1-6 on 4 sheet(s)
4. ☒ Oath or Declaration
☐ Newly executed
☒ Copy from a prior application (see 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d))
Deletion of Inventor(s) (in continuation or divisional applications):
☐ Delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior non-provisional application:

☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a signed sheet attached hereto.
5. ☒ The entire disclosure of the prior application referred to above is considered to be part of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference herein.
6. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
7. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
☐ Computer Readable copy
☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)
☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies
8. ☒ Assignment Papers (copy)
9. Power of Attorney
☒ Copy is attached.
☐ The power of attorney appears in the original papers of the prior application.
☐ Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
10. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
☐ Copies of IDS Citations
11. Amendments
☐ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
☐ Cancel in this application claim(s) _____ before calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim is retained for filing purposes.
12. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard
13. Small Entity Status
☒ Small entity status is claimed.
☐ A small entity statement was filed in the prior non-provisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
☐ Is no longer claimed.
14. ☐ Priority of foreign application number _____, filed on _____ in _____ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d)
15. ☐ Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 136 for Extension of Time
16. ☐ Other: _____

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Title: DISTRIBUTED NETWORK
COMMUNICATION
SYSTEM WHICH ENABLES
MULTIPLE NETWORK
PROVIDERS TO USE A
COMMON DISTRIBUTED
NETWORK
INFRASTRUCTURE

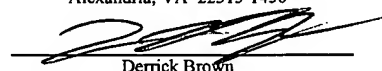
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Respectfully submitted,



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